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OF THE

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OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

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FIRST DAY—Friday, October 11, 1889.

1. The Mississippi Baptist Association convened this day in its 83rd annual session, with the New Zion Baptist church, Amite county, Miss.

2. The Introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, by Eld. R. J. Stewart, from Jeremiah xxiii—5. "A King shall reign and prosper," at the conclusion of which an intermission of one hour was given for dinner.

3. The delegates re-assembled in the house at 1 o'clock p. m. and in the absence of Eld. R. N. Hall, moderater, the Association was called to order by D. M. Huff, clerk of the former Association. Prayer by Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg.

4. Eld. D. H. S. Cox was elected Moderator pro tem.

5. H. I. Weathersby and W. Everett were appointed reading clerks.

6. The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Bethel—A. W. Jones, L. F. Nealand.

Beulah—(not represented.)

Centreville—H. S. Archer, A. A. Roark.

Concord—G. M. Cain, J. I. Godbold.

East Fork—H. G. Quin, W. Everett, E. A. Bates.

Ebeneezer—R. Chance.

Galilee—W. W. Bolls, E. T. Smith, T. J. Dye, W. A. Wilkinson.

Hopewell—D. H. S. Cox, T. J. Scott.

Liberty—R. J. Stewart, J. D. Lea, T. H. Dixon.

Mars' Hill—J. A. Burris, S. J. Hodges, T. R. Godbold.
McComb City—C. S. Fredericks. D. M. Huff.
Mount Zion—W. A. Lea, J. P. Jones, H. I. Weathersby, C. P. Jones, J. H. McGehee.
Mt. Pleasant—W. M. Ezell, J. W. Cobb.
New Hope, Franklin—J. R. Mullins, S. Foy.
New Hope, Amite—P. A. Green, J. M. McDaniel.
New Providence—W. I. Causey, W. D Hazlewood.
New Salem—Henry Ballard, Zack Byrd.
New Zion—J. A. Jenkins, M. H. Martin.
Rameh—Z. Loftin, J. C. Rushing.
Sarepta—(letter, but no delegates.)
Siloam—Thos. Dredding.
Summit—(letter, no delegates.)
Zion Hill—H. K. Butler, Jas. A. Parker.

7. Eld. T. C. Schilling and Bro. G. F. Webb, were appointed tellers and the Association was re-organized by the election of the following-named officers for the ensuing year, to-wit:
Eld. R. J. Stewart, Liberty, Moderator,
D. M. Huff, Magnolia, Clerk,
W. P. Gardner, Merwin, Treasurer.

8. Messengers from corresponding bodies being called for, the following reported, and were cordially received and invited to seats by the Moderator:
Carey Association—W. L. A. Stranburg, J. M. Griffing and E. B. Seal.
Mississippi River Association—T. C. Schilling, D. A. Given, Frank Levoy,
Union Association—J. P. Hemby.
Fair River Association—T. W. White.
Bogue Chitto Association—J. M. Cook.
Homo Chitto (col.) Association—A. Sleeper. W. Smith.

9. Petitionary letters were read from Bethlehem and Hebron churches and committees consisting of D. H. S. Cox, T C. Schilling, E. T. Smith, J. P. Hemby, J. M. Griffing and D. A. Given, were appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of said

churches. The committees retired and after due consideration rendered a favorable report and, on taking a vote, the churches were unanimously received as members of the Association, and the following named brethren given seats as delegates from said churches:

Bethlehem----A. J. Bates, W. E. Lea.

Hebron----W. B. Moore, Jno. F. Hamilton.

10. Eld. W. W. Bolls read the following:

To the Mississippi Baptist Association:

Your committee appointed at the last meeting of your body to take charge and see after the education of Miss Mattie Cook, would beg leave to make the following report:

To amt. cash rec'd at Association	$ 46 85
" " " " since "	54 80
" " " sent by Mars' Hill church	5 00
	$106 65

Disbursements:

By R. R. fare from Gloster to Memphis	$9 35
By hotel and hack bill in Memphis	2 25
By R. R. fare from Memphis to Blue Mountain	3 60
By bringing trunk from Liberty to Gloster	25
By L. B. Robinson's acct. for goods	7 10
By Paid Lowrey & Berry, Nov. 23, 1888	32 15
By Paid Lowrey & Berry, March 14, 1889	20 00
By Paid for registered letter	10
By Paid Lowrey & Berry, June 10, 1889	11 60
By For registered letter	10
Amt. sent by Mars Hill ch	5 00
	91 50
Balance due Association by Committee	$15 15

The following amounts have been received by Miss Cook this session:

From Mary Bates	50
" Dan'l Lumkin	5 00
" Julia Butler	1 00
" Sophia Denman	50
" Orlla Tarver	25

"	Docia Andrews	50
"	Ellen Butler	5 00
"	A. J. Spurlock	1 00
"	Mary Cook	2 00
"	D. M. Huff	5 00
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We have performed our duty to the best of our ability and now ask to be discharged. We recommend that a committee be appointed from the church to which Miss Cook belongs, so that her needs may be more readily known and supplied.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. VAN NORMAN,
E. B. MCLAIN,
R. M. DIXON,
S. J. WEBB.

This report was received and adopted and the Committee discharged.

11. On motion of Henry Ballard, it was ordered that the Association meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M., re-assemble at 1 P. M. and adjourn at 4 P. M.

12. On motion, the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. T. C. Schilling.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 12, 1889.

13. The Association met at the appointed hour. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Griffing.

14. The minutes of previous day were read and approved.

15. The Moderator announced the following Committees, to-wit:

Religious Exercises—J. M. Cook, G. M. Cain, W. Everett and delegates from New Zion church.

Finance—J. D. Lea, J. A. Burris and A. W. Jones.

Religious Literature—T. C. Schilling, T. W. White and Henry Ballard.

Mississippi College—J. P. Hemby, S. Foy and J. C.

Rushing.

Foreign Missions—W. L. A. Stranburg, J. W. Cobb and W. M. Ezell.

Sunday Schools—E. T. Smith, A. J. Bates, and W. I. Causey.

Pastoral Support—H. S. Archer, W. B. Moore and J, H. McGehee.

Ministerial Education—D. A. Given, W. D. Hazlewood and J. F. Hamilton.

Work Among the Colored People—E. B. Seal, J. A. Jenkins and A. Sleeper.

State of Religion—Geo. M. Cain A. W. Jones and A. A. Roark.

Lea Female College—E. T. Smith, J. I. Godbold and L. F. Nealand.

Obituaries—T. J. Scott, W. Everett and R. Chance.

Nominations—S. J. Hodges, E. A. Bates and T. J. Dye.

Plan of Work—D. H. S. Cox, T. H. Dixon, J. A. Burris and H. I. Weathersby.

Sustentation—H. G. Quin, T. R. Godbold and J. P. Jones.

Correspondence—J. A. Jenkins, W. A. Lea and C. P. Jones.

Prohibition—W. W. Bolls, Z. Loftin, M. H. Martin and. J. R. Mullins.

16. In compliance with the request of the standing committee on the education of Miss Mattie Cook, the Moderator appointed the following members of East Fork church to constitute said committee the ensuing year: Winchester Everett and Miss Lizzie Thompson, Dickey postoffice; J. E. Bates and Dr. C. H. Bates, Bates' Mill postoffice. Contributions sent to either member of the committee will be thankfully received and promptly forwarded.

17. On motion of Eld. W. W. Bolls, the requests from Siloam and Mount Pleasant churches were referred to the Executive Board.

18. The report made by special committee of East Fork church we read and referred to Committee on Sustentation.

19. Bro. K. L. Butler, Secretary, read report of the Executive Board, which was adopted, as follows:

The Executive Board, to the Mississippi Baptist Association:

We, your Board, would report the following as the work done by us during the Associational year just closed. We have had five meetings for the transaction of business pertaining to your body. Some of our meetings have been made very interesting by the reading of essays on subjects of importance, and the discussion of these and other subjects. We have collected from the following churches, the amounts affixed to their respective names, for the different objects fostered by your body, to-wit:

East Fork	$ 30 40
Mars Hill	35 15
Mt. Zion	23 15
Ebeneezer	14 50
Liberty	35 85
New Zion	3 00
New Providence	16 00
McComb	2 00
Zion Hill	8 35
Concord	6 00
Hopewell	1 00
Rameh	1 50
Total	$ 176 90

Said amounts have been appropriated for Missions, Sustentation, Miss Mattie Cook, Educational fund and College. (see Treasurer's report.)

We recommend a continuation of the same plan of work, as we believe if the churches and pastors will co-operate with the Association, it will be found the most feasible of any yet tried by your body.

We are sorry to state to you that during the year that many of the churches, together with their pastors, have failed to co-operate with your Board in its work, thereby materially impeding its work, paralyzing and destroying its power for good.

We have repeatedly urged the churches and pastors to come up and help us, but to no avail, having one pastor only, that

constantly aided us in the work by his presence and labors. This neglect on the part of churches and pastors has been woeful indeed to the Board, and whether the apathy be willful, or in opposition to the plan of work, we are not prepared to say, but this we do say, it is a lamentable state for both churches and pastors to be in.

We recommend that an essay by Eld. R. J. Stewart on "The duty of churches to co-operate with the Executive Board in Christian work," be called for and read before your body.

We recommend that the churches adopt the envelope system for quarterly contributions. Respectfully,

JAS. A. JENKINS, Pres.

K. L. BUTLER, Sect'y Ex. Board.

20. The following is the essay of Eld. R. J. Stewart, referred to in the foregoing report, which was read, adopted and ordered printed in the minutes:

"THE DUTY OF CHRISTIANS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN CHRISTIAN WORK."

The words of "Christian work" includes all work devolving on and belonging to those who profess to be the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. Our Association, in her corporate capacity, has assumed to prosecute certain branches of work and these, by whatever name known, are very properly denominated Associational works. Some are more prominent than others and to these the Association has principally taken cognizance and is making special efforts to push them to a successful climax. This work has been committed to a committee appointed by the Association and known as the Executive Board. The subject which we are now to discuss, is the duty of the churches composing the Association to co-operate with the committee appointed to prosecute the work assumed by the same.

In order thet we may more clearly elucidate and make more tangible this important subject, let me first proceed to define these two important words, duty and co-operate, for upon these two hang all the imortance connected with this subject. Duty is that which a person owes to another; that which a person is bound by any natural, moral or legal obligation to pay, do or

perform.

The individual uniting with the church places him or herself under moral obligation to do and perform all that is required of them by the church to which they belong.

The churches also, uniting with the Association, place themselves under moral obligation to conform to all the rules and regulations of that body, and also to engage with said body in all enterprises calculated to advance the Master's kingdom upon earth, bringing peace to men. It is not only the duty of the churches to thus do and perform, but to see to it that their servants, their pastors, also do and perform what they have morally obligated themselves to do.

One great and vastly important duty the churches have virtually, morally, legally, (referring to their own laws) and in fact, promised and bound themselves to do and perform, is to co-operate with the Association in all Christian work.

"To co-operate is to act jointly with another, or others, to secure the same end." To work labor with mutual efforts to promote the same object.

1 These the churches have promised to do, to operate jointly, with another, the Association and that to secure the same end—the planting of churches and spread of the gospel.

2. The churches have promised by mutually giving and receiving aid in promoting the same objects, viz: The honor of God; the glory of Christ and the salvation of souls.

Now if the churches have in any way or by any means, morally or otherwise obligated to thus jointly and mutually labor for this great end, they should be required to do and perform. and in case of willful or intentional refusal to pay their vows, said churches should be disciplined and held to strictly account for such neglect or refusal on their part, or not requiring their servants, their pastors, to co-operate with with them (the churches), in their co-operation with the Association and thus with the Executive Board in Christian or Associational work.

During the ministry of our blessed Master here upon earth,

and the establishment of his church, he took cognizance of the magnitude of the work in the preaching of the gospel to every creature and of the means necessary for it accomplishment.

Prominent among these was the organization of his followers and forces, in order to the successful accomplishment of his work. Having divinely called and qualified men he organized them into a body called His body. Eph. i:23 "Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all"—(the church.) This body, the church, He made the depository of the pure principles of the gospel.

We will not stop to define the church, the term being generally accepted.

To this body, however, he says "go teach all nations;" "go preach the gospel to every creature."

These commands are imperative in their nature, and should be obeyed, yea, must be obeyed. They are broad, yet comprehensive, and leaves the disobedient without excuse.

This work committed to the disciples of Jesus is great, so extreme in its vastness that individual efforts at its accomplishment would be sheer nonsense of those so considering it. Hence the necessity for the organization of the forces, in order that this grand work may ultimately be accomplished, we thus obeying and honoring our blessed Master.

The churches realizing that "in unity there is strength," mutually aiding and being aided, formed themselves into a compact, to gain wisdom from a multiplicity of council, and strength from unity, in order to more effectually and successfully prosecute the Master's work.

This body or compact, we call an Association, of churches, council, wisdom, of men and brains, associated with a view to accomplish a certain end, viz: the preaching of the gospel to every creature.

This compact of churches, created to advise, encourage formulate plans, and so systematize the work that the churches can better, through this channel, and by co-operating with the same, approximate their duty, and more successfully engage in

and accomplish the desired end.

The churches in forming this body out of, or of themselves, evidently by virtue of this act, subjected themselves not only to her council, but unquestionably pledged or entered in a most solemn convenant, to co-operate with and maintain the Association in the perpetuation of and final accomplishment of her work.

This body meets annually for the transaction of business pertaining to the Lord's vineyard, composed of members from the several churches representing the same, so when convened they are so many churches convened, united for and laboring mutually in one common interest and for a common end; and each church should feel that the work is her work, success her success, and failure her failure, for the interest of one is the interest of all.

These recommendations are made, advice given, enterprise maugurated and work being done, those same churches, expressed or understood, are saying "this is right, and so we will do."

Inasmuch as the work for which the Association was organized requires special and constant attention, and efforts on the part of Christian workers to successfully prosecute it; and whereas this body meets only once in a year, it therefore becomes necessary for a system to be adopted through which the Association may from year to year be perpetuated, and proper attention given to each object fostered, and the work carried on during the interim of the body.

In order to accomplish the foregoing, the Association, in her wisdom and by mutual consent and aid of the churches, appointed an Executive Board or committee, to whom is committed all the work of the Association necessary to be accomplished during the interim or recess of the body.

In this the church coincided, saying by her delegates, "amen," so let it be, and so we will do. Thus a second time committing themselves, assuming obligations and duties that they are morally bound to pay or do.

The especial work committed to this Board is the mission work of the Association, (see plan of work). The spirit of this work, (missions), is the spirit of Christ and belongs to every one of his disciples and enables them to exercise in this work, yea, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

How important then that every church have this spirit, and every member and every servant have this spirit, then the necessity of a discussion of duty and co-operation will be things of the past. Permit me here to say parenthetically, that these servants, pastors of the churches, are culpable for this neglect on the part of churches, or else the churches have but little confidence in and less respect for their pastors. There is evidently a wrong somewhere.

This one fact is very apparent even to a casual observer, that co-operation is necessary to further the work, and also apparent that some one should co-operate and I believe it is needed from both churches and their pastors.

Oh, if those churches and pastors would co-operate with the Board, what a power for good and what a great good would soon be done for Him, whose mission was to go about and do good.

How soon would the destitution be supplied and our people rejoice in the liberty of the Gospel and eternal life, where now servitude, sin and eternal death are apparent.

We conclude to do otherwise is suicidal for the churches, slowly, but surely draining their vitality, bringing on as many have done premature decay and consequent death.

Nor does it stop here, but the blight and loss of vitality is transmitted to their child—the Association. And this body, for lack of vital force withheld by the mothers, and for the want of nourishment from the same source, has become so extremely weak and so prostrated, that chronic indisposition has set up and virtual death will surely follow.

Nor is this the end yet. The iniquity of parents are visited to the third and fourth generation; so we see the grand-child, the

Executive Board, contaminated, impaired and paralyzed from the introduction of this foreign and destructive principle into all its premises, thus robbing the Board of all power to do good. The churches through their delegates, says to the Association "do." The Association says to the Executive Board do. Now the power to do comes from the churches, if this is withheld from the Association. This body cannot help the Board and the Board becomes powerless for good. Therefore any failure in the work must recoil upon the churches, since they are the prime cause of such failure.

Nor is the end even yet. The churches, Executive Boards and Associations, are all factors in the great denomination of Baptists, and apathy in the minor factors, effect materially the major ones; so the whole body becomes effected and vital force paralyzed, and our denomination robbed not only of its power, but also of its character and numerical strength.

These things should not be. We deplore this situation and cry out for a reformation on this line, and appeal to the churches for the only known remedy for this destructive malady, to-wit: earnest and active co-operation with the Board in Christian work.

If this be true, then we believe it to be the moral duty of every church to thus co-operate, and that the Association should demand the churches so refusing or neglecting to, show cause for their actions in the premises. R. J. STEWART.

21. Eld. T. C. Schilling read report of the Committee on Religious Literature, to wit:

It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance and value of good reading. Many a man's life has been shaped and directed by what he read. As we read, so do we largely, think and act. A low grade of reading, long persisted in, will fill the mind with conceptions of vice and impurity; while a religious and high-toned literature will elevate, refine and bless. Parents, Sabbath School teachers and pastors should look well to these facts, for this is absolutely an age of papers and books, very many of which are even worse than worthless. There's

many a press to-day, turning off thousands of pages of vile, trashy stuff, and it is finding its way into hundreds of homes. We should by all means guard this matter well, and encourage, advocate and support only wholesome literature.

First in importance stands the Bible. It towers like a mountain above all other productions. Its earnest, constant and prayerful perusal we cheerfully recommend. Indeed, we are commanded to "search the Scriptures."

Of current publications we endorse and recommend "The Southern Baptist Record," "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Bome Field," the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the "Kind Words" Series.

The Record is our State organ, and is well known among us as a sound Baptist paper. May we urge upon our people the duty of taking and reading the "Southern Baptist Record," believing as we do, that it will be a blessing to any home.

The "Foreign Mission Journal" is a monthly paper, filled mainly with letters from the Foreign Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. These letters give descriptions of Foreign countries, tell of the manners and customs of the inhabitants, and record the trials and hardships, as well as the successes of the great Foreign Mission work. The Journal is published at Richmond, Virginia, at the low price of thirty-five cents a year. "Our Home Field" is a publication of the Home Board, Atlanta, Georgia, and is devoted, as its name indicates, to the interest of the Southern States. It is an illustrated monthly, at twenty-five cents a year.

The quarterlies, papers, cards etc., of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the "Kind Words" Series, are first class in every particular, and are well adapted to our Sunday Schools.

All these we gladly commend to the attention and consideration of our brethren and sisters.

Respectfully Submitted.

T. C. SCHILLING, Chairman.

Pending discussion of this report, the Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Eld. H. S. Archer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

22. The Association re-assembled at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. T. W. White.

23. The report on Religious Literature was taken up, discussed and adopted.

24. The following queries from Mount Zion church were read:

"Should a minister of the Gospel be permitted to hold his credentials, who owns stock or holds office in a Fair Association where gambling of any kind is tolerated; especially horse-racing?

What should be done with a member of the church who visits Fairs where gambling is tolerated, thereby lending his influence for evil by being present if not participating?

The queries were debated, and on motion a committee consisting of Eld. J. M. Griffing, W. E. Lea, C. S. Fredericks and Frank Levoy was appointed to make a report on same.

25. The first report of the committee was read by Eld. Griffing, discussed and re-committed and on motion Dr. H. I. Weathersby was added to the committee.

26. Bro. T. J. Scott read report of the Committee on Obituaries, as follows:

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report. That there being no definite da ta given by which we could make an elaborate report giving incidents of the lives of beloved brethren and sisters for whom we have been made to mourn. We can only report the losses from their several churches, Ebenezer 1, Galilee 1, Hopewell 2, Liberty 1, Mars Hill 2, McComb 1, Mount Zion 1, Ramah 3, Sarepta 3, Summit 1, Zion Hill 2, East Fork 3.

Your Committee would ask respectfully that the churches in the future be requested to send up all necessary information in their letters to aid the committees in making their reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

27. On motion the report of Committee on Foreign Missions was set for 10 o'clock Monday morning.

28. Eld. J. M. Cook read appointments of Committee on Religious Exercises, to-wit:

To preach Saturday night, Eld. D. A. Given. Ladies meeting Sunday morning, from 9 to 11 o'clock; Eld. J. P. Hemby to preach in church house at 11 o'clock; Eld. T. C. Schilling to preach at same hour in school house. In the afternoon, the ladies meeting will be continued from 1:30 to 4 o'clock; Eld. H. S. Archer to preach in school house at 3 o'clock, and Eld. D. H. S. Cox to preach in church at 7 o'clock.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. Cook, Chairman.

29. The report on Prohibition was read by Eld. W. W. Bolls, and was discussed and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Prohibition would beg leave to report. That the cause of Prohibition has made steady progress, and seems to be on firmer ground than ever before. The sale of intoxicating liquor is a sin in the sight of God and an evil against humanity and is the cause of more suffering than any other. We believe that it is the duty of every Christian to throw all their influence against it, and especially to oppose the moderate use of intoxicating drinks, for in this there is more evil brought upon the young. If a man who is moral or a member of the church drinks in this way the young will more naturally follow his example than one who gets down in the ditch. Gentlemanly drinking always has more influence upon a whole community and should be guarded against. This kind of intemperance has always been against the church and its members have been led to patronize saloons and to spend money that ought to be given to the Lord's cause. We are aware that this evil is of tremendous proportions and requires every man and especially the women to put it down. But this cannot be done in a moment. The young as well as the old must be educated. The more and better they are educated the faster the progress of Prohibition will be. The great difficulty is that

Prohibition moves too much spasmodically. We believe that it is the duty of the churches and every individual Christain to prevent sin in this way by removing the cause and this is most effectually done by prohibiting its sale. We think it very inconsistent for a brother to prefer a charge against a brother for intoxication and vote for his exclusion, when he himself is a regular patron of a saloon, and we believe that the brother who signs a whisky petition or votes for the sale of liquor, becomes a partaker of all the sin that is involved in the sale of liquor of that saloon.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

30. Elds. W. L. A. Stranburg and E. T. Smith volunteered to preach to the colored people.

31. The clerk read letter from New Hope church, Amite county, and enrolled names of delegates.

32. At 4 o'clock the Association adjourned, prayer by Bro. Geo. M. Cain.

33. RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Eld. D. A. Given preached at New Zion at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, from I John ii—17, and Eld. E. T. Smith preached at same hour at Parson Hill, from Luke xiii—24.

At 9:45 Sunday morning the Woman's Missionary Union held a very interesting meeting. The dovotional exercise was conducted by Eld R. J. Stewart, who read the tenth chapter of Romans and led in prayer.

The following societies were represented, to-wit. East Fork, Ebeneezer, Hopewell, Liberty, Siloam, New Providence, Ramah, Mt. Zion, Sarepta, Bethel. Whitestown, New Zion, Mars Hill, Gloster, Centreville, Zion Hill, and New Salem.

In calling the meeting to order, Sister P. L. Bates, vice-President of the Central Committee, made an interesting address on "The work Christ gave His people to do, and Woman's part in that work."

Eld. Stewart read an article from the Southern Baptist Record, calling attention to the fact that this day had been

set apart as a day of prayer for Missions.

Eld. J. P. Hemby preached in the church at 11 o'clock from Luke xix—37—38. Subject "A worthy Christ," and Eld. T. C. Schilling preached at same hour in school house, from Proverbs iii—5. Collections for Missions, $26.20.

Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg preached to the colored people at Parson Hill, from Zachariah viii—23.

The Woman's Missionary Union re-assembled in the church at 3 o'clock p. m. Interesting essays were read by Misses Dollie Brashears, May Gordon and Issie Jenkins. and addresses were made by Elders Hemby, Cox, Stranburg and Stewart.

Eld. H. S. Archer preached in the school house at 3 o'clock p. m., from Mathew vii—24.

Eld. D. H. S. Cox preached at 7:30 p. m., in church, from Genesis i—3.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Monday, October 14, 1889.

34. The Association met at the appointed hour. Prayer by Eld. E. T. Smith.

35. On motion the reading of the minutes was omitted.

36. Eld. H. G. Quin read report of Committee on Sustentation, which was discussed and, on motion was tabled and made the special order to follow the report on Missions.

37. Bro. Geo. M. Cain offered report of Committee on State of religion, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on State of Religion, would report: That while there has been some discord in a few of the churches, the religion of our Lord is growing and increasing within the bounds of your Association. As evidence of this fact, new churches are being organized and planted in the destitute places; new church houses have been built and others are in contemplation. The line between the believer and the world is being more clearly drawn.

As further evidence, we herewith submit the following abstracts from the letters:

Bethel—Spiritual condition is better than a year ago—has Sunday School. T C Schilling, pastor.

Centreville—Has had some trials, but now peace and harmony prevails. A good Sunday School. H. S. Archer, pastor.

East Fork—Is prosperous and advancing in every branch of her work; has three Sunday Schools. R. J. Stewart, pastor.

Ebeneezer—Is in a prosperous condition—peace and harmony prevails—has a union Sunday School. T. C. Schilling, pastor.

Concord—Growing spiritually and numerically; has good Sunday School. R. N. Hall, pastor.

Gallilee—The church has not been spiritually alive for the last year, but their condition is better now; has a good Sunday School. W. W. Bolls, pastor.

Hopewell—Are thankful all is well. D. H. S. Cox, pastor.

Liberty—Is working harmoniously in all branches of her work a good Sunday School, R. J. Stewart, pastor.

Mars Hill—Has been built up and strengthened, and reports sinners converted; E. P. Douglass, pastor.

McComb City—Is in a fair spiritual condition—good Sunday School. R. N. Hall, pastor.

Mt. Zion—Has had discord, but now peace and harmony prevails. D. H. S. Cox, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant—Reports church revived. W. J. Weatherly, pastor.

New Hope—Is at peace. R. J. Mullen, pastor.

New Providence—Has been made to rejoice in the religion of the Lord. Thos. Lansdale, pastor.

New Salem—Is at peace and has a Sunday School. W. L. A. Stranburg, pastor.

New Zion—Reports a meeting of days, with result. J. M. Cook, pastor.

Rameh—In a cold condition, with some confusion. Z. Loftin, pastor.

Sarepta—In good working condition. T. M. Ellerby, pastor.

Sun.mit—Spiritual condition not flattering. Has reason to hope for better days. S. W. Sibley, pastor.

Zion Hill—Reports increase in church activity; has a Sunday School. R. J. Stewart, pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CAIN, Chairman.

38 The hour of special order having arrived, Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg read report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was discussed and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would beg leave to submit the following:

It is with gratitude we record the fact that we are living in a century of missionary work, such as no previous age of the Christian church has witnessed. So ready are all things, so open and ripe are all the foreign fields, and so rapidly is the conviction growing among Christians at home that the broadest interpretation must be given to our Savior's last command and that the work of preaching the gospel must be wide and thorough enough to touch the utmost boundary and to satisfy the keenest sense of duty, and that preaching it unto all nations is a loving service to God and man.

To us it would seem impious, yes, even criminal and cowardly, to doubt the wonderful success that the Foreign Mission work has all along the lines of foreign fields. The camp fires are burning brightly and vast numbers are being brought from heathen darkness into the light and liberty of the gospel. But the work to be done demands yet broader purposes, bolder hands and braver hearts. Our great Commander calls upon us to look upon the fields, for they are already white to harvest. Yes, eight hundred and fifty millions of people are yet in heathen darkness and the piteous cries of these poor, benighted heathen, are coming up to us to give them the bread of eternal life. The cry still comes from every part of the wide-spread foreign land for more laborers to preach to them the gospel of Christ. It is indeed touching to read in the Foreign Mission Journal the letters of native Christians, begging in their humble way, that more men and women be sent to point them to

the Lamb of God; and oh, my dear brethren, may God hear and answer their prayer!

The amount of money needed by the Foreign Mission Board, to carry their plan of work, is $125,000. Mississippi is asked to give $8,000. This is but a small pittance for the 80,000 white Baptists of this State to give. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we accept the apportionment allotted our State and that we pledge ourselves as ministers and as people to make an honest effort, in the fear of God, to raise all we can in the bounds of our own Association, for this grand and noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. A. STRANBURG,
Chairman.

39. While this report was being discussed, a special contribution was made for Foreign Missions, as follows: W. A. Lea, $5; E. B. Seal, $5, paid; D. H. S. Cox, $10, paid $5; I. G. Lea, $10; D. M. Huff, $10; W. Z. Lea, $5; H. I. Weathersby, $5; R. J. Stewart, $5; W. W. Bolls, $10; G. M. Cain, $5; H. S. Archer, $5, J. I. Godbold, $2.50, paid; Miss Fannie Hamilton, $5. After these pledges were recorded a cash collection was taken, amounting to $22.55, including the pledges paid.

40. The names of the following brethren were, on motion, enrolled as messengers from the General Sunday School Convention, to-wit: A. S. Turner, H. D. S. Cox, G. F. Webb, M. C. McGehee, W. P. Gardner, M. H. Martin, E. T. Smith and H. S. Archer.

41. On motion the proceedings of the General Sunday School Convention, were ordered printed in the minutes of the Association and the clerk authorized to draw on the treasurer of said Convention for funds to defray expenses of same.

42 The report on Sustentation was taken from the table, discussed and adopted. as follows:

Your Committee on Sustentation find from the reports of churches and the Executive Board, there is but little interest

taken in the Sustentation fund, and from a special report of East Fork Church, having been appointed in obedience to the request of the Mississippi Baptist Association of 1888, shows the necessity of an important interest being manifested throughout our Association. Therefore we urge the Executive Board of this body, and pastors of all the churches within the bounds of Mississippi Association, to set forth properly said fund and its uses, in order to make up sufficient amounts for the support of proper subjects of this fund, and that all contributions for this purpose be forwarded to the Treasurer of said Association and that he be instructed by this body how to appropriate same. Let us remember our Lord and Savior says He will treat others as they treat His followers. Therefore let us ever be mindful in the performance of our Christian duties in respect to others.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. QUIN, Chairman.

43. A cash collection for Sustentation was taken, amounting to $14.10 and the following pledges made for Sustentation, to-wit: D. A. Given, $5; W. F. Love, $5; Cicero Gray, $5; W. W. Bolls, $10; Concord church, $5; New Zion church, $5; Jno. T. Hamilton, $5; D. M. Huff, $5; Wm. Reynolds, $2; J. E. Causey, $2.50; Bethlehem church, $5, paid; E. L. Scott, $2, paid, T. R. Godbold, $1, paid.

44. The Association at 12 o'clock adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Bro. W. Z. Lea.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday October 14, 1889.

45. The Association re-assembled at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. Z. Loftin.

46. On motion speeches were limited to five minutes.

47. Bro. H. I. Weathersby read report of Committee on Queries from Mount Zion church. During the discussion, several ammendments and substitutes were offered and the following finally adopted as the report of the Committee:

Your Committee on Queries from Mount Zion church, would

beg leave to submit the following: We believe that a Christain minister, or member of the church, can own stock or shares in a Fair Association, or visit a Fair, with impunity provided no gambling, or other unchristian practices are permitted by such Fair Association. But should a minister of the gospel, or member of the church, hold office, or shares in a Fair Association, or visit a Fair where gambling in any form, or unchristian practices of any kind, is tolerated, said minister of the gospel, or member of the church, should, at once, be subjected to discipline by his, or her, church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GRIFFING, Chairman.

48. Eld. J. P. Hemby submitted report of Committee on Mississippi College, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Mississippi College would report: That Mississippi College is the property of Mississippi Baptists, and is the center and federal head of our denominational work in the State. To touch and shake the College would set the hearts of thousands of Baptist people to vibrating. This, its large patronage shows. "Mississippi College commands a larger and better patronage to-day than any other college in the State, save only the A. & M. College, at Starkville." And no college in all this Southland of ours is doing, or can do, a more thorough and better character of work than Mississippi College.

We have abundant reason to be grateful to God for the work the College has done and is still doing. Since 1850, when it came into Baptist hands, about 2500 young men have received their education, in whole or in part, within its walls; and of these some 300 have been ministers of the Gospel. The legal and medical professions and all the walks of honorable life are also well represented in this large number of beneficiaries.

The College has now, or has had, its representatives in Europe, Asia, Africa and Mexico, as well as in many of the States of our own Union. Its influence is wider and more beneficent. Its character and work are becoming better known and more

highly appreciated. Its opportunities are better. It reaches and influences a larger number of people than ever before.

The position to which its noble work assigns it, has recently been recognized by the great National Baptist Education Society. It is one of the four Southern Baptist colleges considered worthy of their encouragement and support. Hitherto it has been supported by a few men and women of our own State. Now the eyes of a nation of Baptists are upon it. Steps have been taken recently to endow it; and the National Baptist Education Society has offered to give $5,000 if the Baptists of Mississippi shall raise $45,000 by the first of April next, and in January last Bro. J. B. Gambrell was selected and commissioned to go among the churches and people to raise this amount. We, therefore, recommend him to the confidence and love of our people, and that the churches and people of this Association co-operate with him in his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. HEMBY, Chairman.

49. Bro. S. J. Hodges read report of Committee on Nominations which was received and adopted to-wit:

"Your Committee on Nominations would recommend that the following named brethren constitute the Executive Board for the ensuing Associational year, to-wit:

Bethel, A. W. James; Beulah, Eugene McIntyre; Centreville, Dr. Robert; Concord, Geo. M. Cain; East Fork, J. E. Bates; Ebeneezer, R. Chance, Galilee, W. A. Wilkinson; Hopewell, Hardie Magee; Liberty, T. J. Webb; Mars Hill, T. R. Godbold; McComb, T. F. Causey; Mt. Zion, W. A. Lea; Mt. Pleasant, W. M. Ezell; New Hope, Franklin, J. D. Cranfield; New Hope. Amite, W. M. McDaniel; New Providence, W. I. Causey; New Salem, H. Ballard; New Zion, O. D. Newman; Rameh, J. C. Rushing; Sarepta, W. E. Delaney; Siloam, Thos. Dredding; Summit, J. R. Sample; Zion Hill, J. A. Parker; Bethlehem. D. C. Felder; Hebron, J. F. Hamilton.

We recommend that the first meeting of the Executive Board be held with the Zion Hill church.

To preach Introductory sermon before next Association, Eld. D. H. S. Cox; Alternate Eld. J. M. Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. HODGES, Chairman.

50. Bro. H. I. Weathersby read report of Committee on Plan of Work, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Plan of Work would submit the following: We refer your Association with feelings of pride to the report of our Convention Board, recently made; and whilst it commends itself to the State at large, yet it does not apply fully to this Association. The work of the Executive Board has been good and harmonious, yet it has been crippled to some extent by some churches failing to make any report whatever, at any meeting of the Board and by some failing to send any contributions for any cause, through the honored Treasurer of this Association.

We recommend that all funds collected be sent to the Treasurer before the meeting of the Association.

We recommend that each member of the Executive Board and the ministers supplying churches in this Association, be urged to take up collections before each meeting of the Board, and that all moneys collected for home Missions, be retained within the bounds of this Association to supply the destitution along the Homo Chitto Valley.

We recommend to our ministers that they inform themselves more fully as to the workings of the Board, and that they use all laudable efforts in the promotion of Sunday School work in destitute localities. We recommend that the Board meet with the different churches of the Association and that the Treasurer of the Association meet with the Board. We recommend that after permanent organization is effected, that in connection with the appointment of reading clerks, that the Moderator appoint a Finance Committee to receive all money sent to Association by the delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. S. Cox, Chairman.

51. Bro. J. A. Jenkins, submitted form of letter to Corresponding bodies which was read and adopted.

52. Bro. E. B. Seal read report of the Committee on Work among the Colored People, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee would respectfully submit the following: In our opinion, it is our duty as christians to aid and instruct the colored people. We should keep up regular correspondence by letter and messengers with their associations and set with them in council. This is the desire of the colored people and we believe they would be greatly benefitted thereby. We recommend our ministers to preach to them as often as convenient, and attend their associational meetings, also inform them what literature to use in their Sunday Schools and how to obtain it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SEALE, Chairman.

53. Bro. W. Z. Lea submitted report as Treasurer of the Association, which was adopted as follows:

W. Z. LEA, Treasurer:

In account with Mississippi Association.

Received from Finance Committee for Ass. purposes		$ 85 70
Paid D. M. Huff, for services as Clerk	$ 25 00	
For printing minutes	54 00	
		$ 79 00
Balance due		$ 6 70

FOR MISSIONS.

Bal. on hand at last report		$ 18 30
Received from—		
East Fork church	$ 19 85	
McComb City	2 00	
Mars Hill	21 20	
Mt. Zion	18 60	
Zion Hill	4 75	
Hopewell	27 50	
New Providence	15 95	

Ebeneezer	14 50	
New Zion	1 00	
Concord	3 00	
Liberty	37 35	
Bethlehem	3 00	
		187 00
Amount paid Sister P. L. Bates	5 00	
Amount forwarded to State Board	168 90	
		$173 90
Balance due		13 10

Received from—	SUSTENTATION.	MATTIE COOK.
Mars Hill	13 95	10 00
Zion Hill	2 70	90
Mt. Zion	2 30	
Hopewell	50	
Ramah	70	70
New Providedce	6 50	
New Zion	2 00	
Concord	3 00	
Liberty	7 00	2 50
D. M. Huff		5 00
East Fork		3 80
	38 63	23 00
By amt. paid out	37 60	19 60
Balence due	1 05	3 40

Respectfully submitted;

W. Z. LEA, Treas. of Miss. Association.

54. Your Committe on Finance would respectfully report that they have received and paid into the hands of Treasurer, the following amount for Associational purposes, $89.85; Ministerial Education, $5.00; Sustentation, $29.25; Missions,

$64.10; Pay for Treasurer, $3.00; Miss Mattie Cook, $22.15. Total, $213.25.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find the same correct as per vouchers.

	Associational Funds	Ministerial Educat'n	Mississippi College	Sustentation	Benevolence	Building	Missions	Total
Bethel	4 50						8 70	13 20
Beulah								
Bethlehem	3 55							3 55
Centreville	3 00						8 50	11 50
Concord	2 25							2 25
East Fork	6 00			10 50			10 40	24 90
Ebeneezer	5 00						5 10	10 10
Galilee	5 00			18 75				38 90
Hebron	2 00						4 60	6 60
Hopewell	3 00						7 45	13 45
Liberty	4 00							4 00
Mars Hill	5 00							5 00
McComb	5 00	5 00					2 50	12 50
Mt. Zion	3 05							8 05
Mt. Pleasant	2 00						3 00	5 00
New Hope, Frank'n	3 00							3 00
New Hope, Amite	2 00						1 25	3 25
New Providence	3 50							3 50
New Salem	2 50						7 75	10 25
New Zion	2 00						1 50	3 50
Ramah	5 00						2 00	7 00
Sarepta	3 00						1 35	4 35
Siloam	2 50							2 50
Summit	3 00							3 00
Zion Hill	5 00							5 00
S. J. Hodges								5 00
Helen Hodges								2 00
	89.85	5.00		29.25			64.10	208.10

For Treasurer: Hopewell, $3.00.

Mattie Cook Fund: Galilee, $15.15; S. J. Hodges, $5.00; Hellen Hodges, $2.00.

J. D. LEA, Chairman.

55. Bro. H. I. Weathersby offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED 1. That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of the New Zion church and to the citizens of this community for the hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the delegates, messengers and visitors to this Association.

RESOLVED 2. That the Clerk prepare and have the minutes of this session printed; that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer to defray the expenses of the same, and that he be allowed $25.00 for his services.

RESOLVED 3. That this Association hereby tenders its sincere thanks to Bro. W. Z. Lea, for his efficient and zealous labors in behalf of the body during the twenty-five consecutive years in which he has held the office of Treasurer.

56. Eld. D. A. Given read and the Association adopted the following report on Ministerial Education: Your Committee submit the following as their report:

While we would not underrate, or in any wise depreciate the faithful, and efficient labors of the uneducated or self-educated preachers of the past generation, whose sordid piety and deep consecration to the Lord's work gave them such marvelous success.

Yet we are under the profound conviction, that, if these servants of the Master had had the advantage of a liberal education in early life, their success would have been from two, to ten fold greater than it was in its general average. And seeing, that those of them that still linger among their sons in the gospel, recognize and emphasize the importance of educating young men in the ministry, we are the more convinced that it is our duty, as well as our privilege to give to those young men upon whom the Lord has laid His hand, calling them to

the work of the ministry, the best educational advantages. And as the Lord calls and thrusts out into this great work poor young men, we take it, that it means that we shall be prepared for a proper appreciation of the work of the church as the great primary preacher of the Gospel. Now the masses are being educated, this is a progressive and agressive age; the time is swiftly passing away when the few are enlightened and the many unlearned. We are to see in the near future the majority of our people cultivated, and educated, and if we will but realize in due time that the church preaches the gospel through the men she sends out into the field (the world) she whose masses are well informed, must see to and provide for the education of the men that she employs, and authorizes to "preach the word."

Therefore we recommend that the pastors in this Association preach once a year to each of their churches on the subject of Ministerial education and that this Association urge through her Executive Board each church within its bounds to make a contribution annually to assist young men in the ministry to obtain a thorough literary and theological education. For God is calling them by the score. He is furnishing the men with minds. It is our duty to cultivate them. He is presenting us with diamonds in the rough. It is our duty and should be our pleasure to polish them.

May the Holy Spirit bring to the front men of broad thought and large hearts to agitate this important duty of the saints; until we shall all come to the help of the Lord, that we may render assistance to our young men who feel the duty laid upon them to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. GIVEN, Chairman.

57. Eld. E. T. Smith read the following report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would report, we see from the last report that interest in Sunday Schools is gaining ground and that it is worthy the attention of this body, we

therefore recommend the same to the churches. They are the means of bringing many souls to Christ that are not reached by the ordinary way of preaching the gospel. The faithful Sunday School teacher comes face to face with his or her class and can talk to them directly and interest them in the great subject of salvation—the thing needful. It gives our youth a systematic training, making them more efficient workers for the cause of Christ, when the spirit of God shall have accomplished their regeneration.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMITH, Chairman.

58. Eld. E. T. Smith read and the Association adopted the following report on the Lea Female College:

Your Committee on Lea Female College, of Summit, report the following: The past record of this Institution is good and as an educator the President has but few equals. We, therefore, recommend it to this body as worthy of their patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMITH, Chairman.

59. The Association then proceeded to select by standing vote, a place for holding its next session which resulted in the selection of Ramah church, Franklin county, 15 miles west from Brookhaven.

60. The attention of the delegates being again directed to the education of Miss Mattie Cook, the Association on motion of Bro. H. I. Weathersby adopted the same resolution passed at its last session, to-wit:

"RESOLVED, That this Association proceed at once to raise funds to detray the expenses of Sister Mattie Cook while completing her education at the Blue Mountain Female College.

RESOLVED 2. That the members of the Executive Board, appointed by the Association are hereby requested to urge their respective churches to give sufficient means to educate said sister."

61. Eld. H. S. Strother read report of Committe on Pastoral Sapport, which was adopted, as follows:

The Scriptures are very explicit upon ministerial support. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel; II Cor. 9—14.

The necessity of this support appears from the injunction, that ministers should devote their whole time to the duties of their office. We by no means contend that it is unlawful for a minister to engage in secular pursuits if not supported, for what is the minister to do whose salary is too small to support his family, and who has no other income. It is the deep, wide-spread and endless reproach of some churches, that though it is their duty to support their pastors, they dole out a wretched pittance from their abundance, leaving the pastor to make up the deficiency by secular employment; then complain that his preaching does not meet the demands of his congregation. It is strange how some persons will entreat God to bless their minister in his basket and store, and take care to keep them empty. Many well-to-do Christians spend more for tobacco than they contribute to the support of their pastor.

The question we wish discussed is, shall we collect the pastor's support by voluntary contribution or taxation? What shall our churches do to meet the demands upon us?

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER, Chairman.

The following resolution on the subject, was passed during the consideration of the report on Pastoral support, to-wit:

"RESOLVED, That this Association recommend that each church within its bounds require each member to give to pastoral support as the Lord has blessed him, and that too, upon his or her covenant with the members of the church."

62. The following named brethren were appointed as messengers to corresponding bodies, to-wit:

Union Association—W. W. Bolls, D. M. Huff and E. T. Smith.

Homo Chitto Association—W. L. A. Stranburg, T. J. Scott and G. M. Cain.

Mississippi River Association—E. T. Smith, P. A. Green, R. J. Stewart and D. H. S. Cox.

Mississippi College—D. M. Huff, D. H. S. Cox, R J. Stewart, G. M. Cain and T. J. Scott.

Cary Association—W. W. Bolls, Zach Byrd, H. S. Archer, E. T. Smith, R. Chance, J. R. Mullins and W. P. Gardner.

Mississippi State Convention—On motion any member of this Association attending the State Convention was authorized to represent us in that body.

63. Eld. R. J. Stewart, was by vote of the Association, elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Fort Worth next May, and Eld. E. T. Smith was elected alternate.

64. On motion the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention was authorized to draw on the treasurer of this Association for funds to defray his traveling expenses.

65. At 4:15 o'clock the Association adjourned to meet with the Rameh Baptist church, Franklin county, on Friday before the second Sunday of October, 1890. Prayer by Eld. H. G. Quin.

D. M. HUFF,
Clerk,

R. J. STEWART,
Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.

—OF THE—

Mississippi Baptist Association.

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1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity in persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inabilty to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and men—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punisment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation

of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church—the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion, and to give themselves as members of the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, ex-communicated, and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If on examination found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegate until she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8 Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the conference, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations only as respect form.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power, in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	INCR'SE		D'CR'SE			Present membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS.							Number of Minutes.
				Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.		Associational Fund.	Missions.	Minister'l Educat'n.	Ministerial Help.	Sustentation.	Miss Mattie Cook.	W. Z. Lea.	
Bethel	T C Schilling	L H Haygood	Liberty	5	6			2		67	4 50	8 70						35
Bethlehem	J M Cook	A J Bates	Liberty	3	6					26	3 55	3 10		5 60	5 00			12
Beulah	No letter																	15
Centreville	H S Archer	H M Edwards	Centreville					1		35	3 00	25 40	5 00					20
Concord	R N Hall	J I Godbold	Little Springs	10	5					48	2 25	10 00		13 10	3 00			22
East Fork	R J Stewart	C R Cook	Dickey	20	12	2	30	1	2	238	6 00	62 40		51 00	8 50	10 60		50
* Ebeneezer	T C Schilling	R D J Smith	Olio		3	2	7		1	179	5 00	20 35						30
* Galilee	J P Hemby	S T VanNorman	Gloster		8	3	10	4	1	230	5 00	12 80	20 40		23 25			50
Hebron	R N Hall	G H Sharp	Spurlock							13	2 00							15
Hopewell	D H S Cox	H H Magee	Meadville	6	7	2	6		1	66	3 00	35 45		18 25			3 00	20
Liberty	R J Stewart	W Z Lea	Liberty	4	9	2	21	3	1	174	4 00	76 15						40
* Mars Hill	E P Douglas	J A Burris	Thompson	26	4	4	9		2	227	5 00							50
McComb City	R N Hall	E H Montgomery	McComb	5	17		7		1	134	5 00	30 00	5 00	50 00		5 00		40
Mount Zion	D H S Cox	W H Cain	Little Spriugs	14		3	16	5	1	248	8 00	19 50		23 40	2 50	11 20	5 90	75
Mount Pleasant	W J Weatherly	J C Wallace		6	6					33	3 00							15
New Hope, Fr'kl'n	J R Mullin	D W Mullin	Hamburg	3	1	1	7	7	1	54	3 00							15
New Hope, Amite	J R Baham	T P Honea	Dickey	1	1	1	4		2	36	2 00							15
* New Providence	Thomas Lansdell	J C Causey	Merwin				2			108	3 50							35
New Salem	W L A Stranburg	H Ballard	McCall's Creek			1	8	4		44	2 50	7 75						20
New Zion	J M Cook	Z E Nunnery	Nunnery	15	5	2	6			65	3 00	1 50		21 35	2 00			30
* Ramah	Z Loftin	W L Smith	McCall's Creek	7	6	3	8	3	3	187	5 00	2 00						45
Sarepta	T M Ellerby	E G Cater	Hamburg	18	9	7	7	2	3	128	3 00	1 35						25
Siloam	H G Quin	W D Jones	Liberty	2			2	5		67	2 50							
Summit	S W Sibley	M C Dunn	Summit	2	3		6		1	147	3 00	19 65						
Zion Hill	R J Stewart	W R Jacobs	Zion Hill	12		2	6	1	2	132	5 00							

* Invited the Asociation to hold its next session with them.

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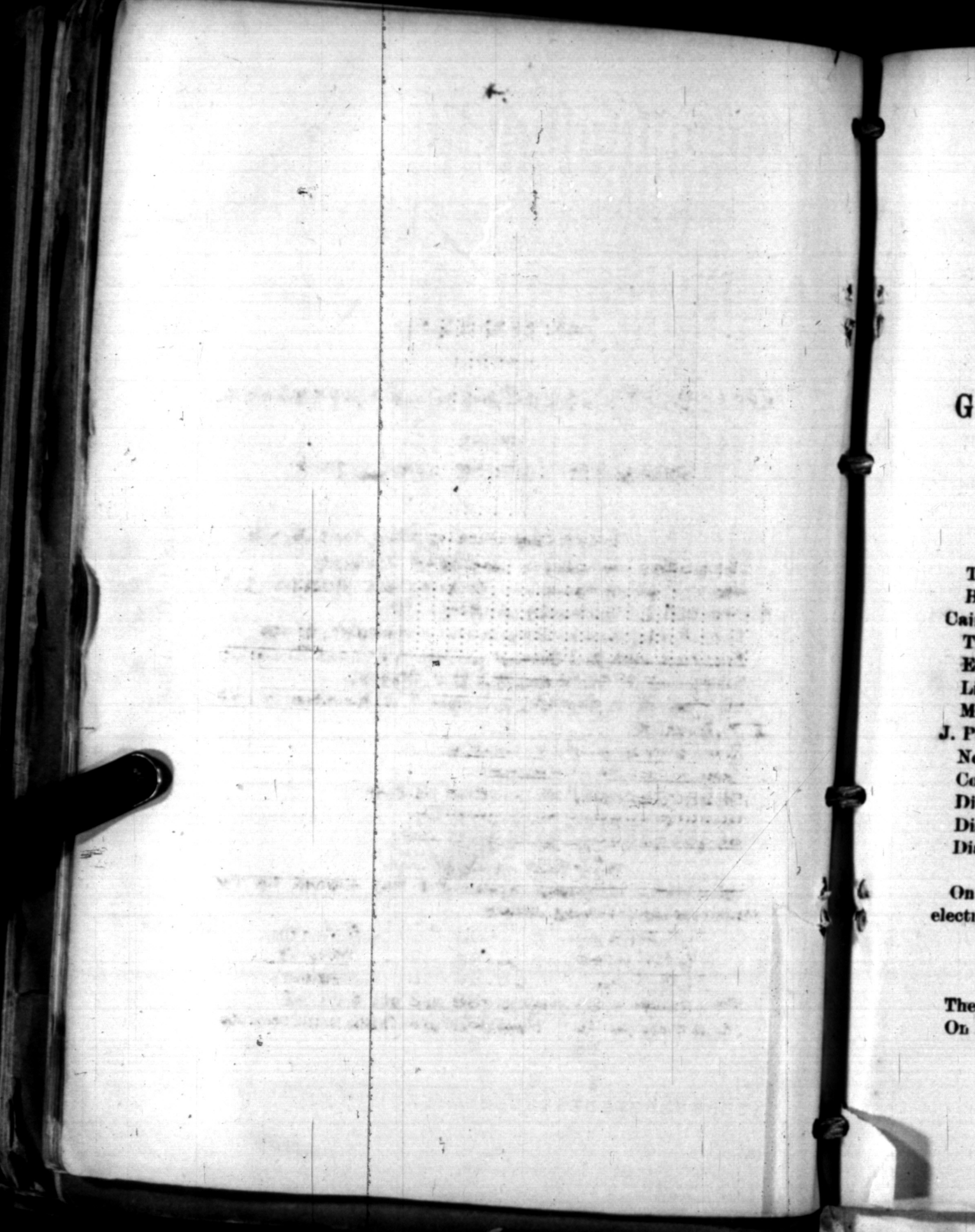

MINUTES

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General Sunday School Convention,

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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MOUNT ZION CHURCH, Miss., Sept. 28, 1889.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

Bro. C. P. Jones was chosen Moderator and Brethren J. I. Cain and H. I. Weathersby, Reading Clerks.

The following Sunday Schools were represented, to-wit:

East Fork—Eld. R. J. Stewart and Sisters Quin and Thompson.

Liberty—G. F. Webb and Eld. R. J. Stewart.

Mt. Zion—G. A. Godbold, J. I. Cain, J. A. McGehee, Jr. and J. P. Jones, Sr.

New Providence—W. P. Gardner.

Compromise—W. P. Gardner.

District Convention, No. 1—W. P. Gardner.

District Convention, No. 2—By Letter.

District Convention, No. 3—D. W. Jones.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion a permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

C. P. Jones,.....Moderator.

W. P. Gardner,.....Secretary.

D. W. Jones,.....Treasurer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

On motion, Bro. H. I. Weathersby was chosen vice-President.

All friends of Sunday School work were invited to participate in the deliberations of this body.

Brethren H. I. Weathersby, D. W. Jones, M. C. McGehee and deacons of Mt. Zion church were appointed as committee on Religious Exercises.

The Convention then took recess of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on present program reported. The report was adopted and committee continued.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported. The report was adopted and committee continued.

Your Committee on Religious Exercises would report the following:

1st. A pen picture of a true Sunday School Superintendent. Eld. R. J. Stewart to discuss.

2nd. Reflexed influence of Mission work in Sunday Schools. J. M. McGehee to discuss.

3rd. Best method for successful Sunday School mission work. W. I. Weathersby to discuss.

9:30 Sunday—Sunday School mass meeting, reading essays, etc.

11:30—Preaching by Eld. R. J. Stewart.

12:30—Recess.

2 P. M.—Resume work.

1st. Song. "Waiting for the Promise."

2nd. Essay by Miss Issie Jenkins.

3rd. Discuss proposition to publish minutes.

4th. Selecting time and place for next meeting.

W. I. WEATHERSBY,
Chairman.

The following were appointed messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Association: Brethren A. S. Turner, D. H. S. Cox, G. F. Webb, Sr., M. C. McGehee, Jr, W. P. Gardner, M. H. Martin, E. T. Smith and H. S. Archer.

On motion correspondence was opened with the General Sunday School Convention of the Mississippi River Association

and the following were appointed messengers: Brethren R. J. Stewart, D. M. Huff and C. R. Cook.

The clerk was instructed to prepare letters for the messengers.

On motion Sister C. H. Causey was recognized as delegate from Centreville Sunday school, and Sister Minnie Bolls from Galilee Sunday school.

On motion the following committee was appointed to prepare a program for next meeting: Brethren G. F. Webb, P. L. Marselas, Jake Causey, T. J. Webb and B. H. Jenkins.

Essay 2nd was discussed by Brethren R. J. Stewart and G. F. Webb.

Essay 3rd was discussed by Brother J. McGehee and others, after which the Convention adjourned till 9:30 Sunday morning.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

The exercises began with a Sunday school mass meeting which was called to order by Brd. G. F. Webb, prayer by Bro. W. P. Gardner.

Essay 4th was discussed by Eld. R. J. Stewart and others.

Essay 1st was discussed by Bro. W. P. Gardner and others.

On motion essay 1st was continued till the afternoon session, and the mass meeting adjourned.

Eld. R. J. Stewart preached at 11 A. M.

The Convention re-assembled at 1 P. M.

The following Sunday schools reported by delegate, to-wit:

Zion Hill, delegate—W. R. Jacobs.

Concord, delegate—W. R. Cotten.

New Zion—M. H. Martin, J. A. Jenkins and two daughters.

Rocky Branch—M. H. Martin and W. A. Lea.

Essay 1st was taken up and discussed at length.

On motion Miss Issie Jenkins was invited to read an essay which was read by her before the district convention at Zion Hill—the district convention having requested her to read it before the General Sunday School Convention.

The essay was discussed at great length and on motion was adopted.

On motion, each Sunday School was requested to send $1.50

to the Mississippi Baptist Association to pay for printing the minutes of the Convention in the minutes of the Association.

On motion the Mississippi Association was requested to append the minutes of the Convention to the printed minutes of the Association.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to have them printed and to draw on the treasurer for funds to defray the expenses of the same.

On motion the present Executive Board was re-elected.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to request the Executive Board to hold a meeting at the Mississippi Baptist Association.

On motion the Secretary was requested to correspond with Bro. M. M. Whitney and request him to meet with the Executive Board of the General Sunday School Convention at the Mississippi Baptist Association.

East Fork was selected as the place for holding the next meeting.

On motion the time of meeting was set at 10 o'clock A. M., Friday before the second fifth Sunday in each year.

On motion the Convention adjourned. Benediction by Bro. G. F. Webb, Sr.

W. P. GARDNER,
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C. P. JONES,
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